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INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO MAJOR UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations

Basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming that General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996, the Agenda for Development¹ and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as agreed conclusions 1995/1 of the Council,² provide a basis for intergovernmental integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Taking into account the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General that the United Nations system should be encouraged to enhance national capacity efforts for data collection and analysis,³ as well as the dialogue that took place during the Council's session on integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits, held from 13-15 May 1998,

¹ General Assembly resolution 51/240.

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 22.

³ E/1998/19, sect. III, recommendation (ix).

Recognizing that Governments have the primary responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of conference outcomes, while the United Nations system has an important role to play in support of such national efforts, in particular those of developing countries,

Recognizing the need to start, on a step-by-step basis, an intergovernmental process on how to better address the need for relevant indicators to monitor the implementation of all aspects of conference outcomes at all levels,

1. Decides to hold an informal meeting of the Council with panels of experts immediately after the Council's resumed organizational session for 1999, of one to two days' duration, to consider in a comprehensive manner the work being carried out by the United Nations system, and other relevant international and national institutions, on basic indicators to measure progress towards the implementation of the integrated and coordinated follow-up of all aspects, including means of implementation of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields at all levels, with a view, as a first step, to taking stock and identifying overlapping duplication and gaps;

2. Also decides that this informal meeting should have an interactive format so as to encourage dialogue among the participants and delegations, the content of such a dialogue to be summarized by the Secretariat;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on this matter, pursuant to paragraph 1 of the present resolution, which should be distributed well in advance of the meeting;

4. Requests the Bureau of the Council, in consultation with the Secretariat, to establish arrangements for the meeting, securing a balance with respect to the participation of panellists from both developed and developing countries.



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TO MAJOR UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS

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on the basis of informal consultations

Integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of
major United Nations conferences and summits

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its productive dialogue with a broad range of representatives of the United Nations system and with non-governmental organizations at its session on the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits, held from 13 to 15 May 1998, and taking note with appreciation of the summary of that session by the President of the Economic and Social Council¹ and of the report of the Secretary-General² as well as the guidance provided by Member States,

Reiterating the need for integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits, while recognizing the specific identity and integrity of each conference,

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1995/1 on coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major

¹ E/1998/90.

² E/1998/19.



international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,³

Noting that the work in the follow-up to General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform", and on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, on mainstreaming the gender perspective and in many other areas, addresses key issues related to integrated conference follow-up and is complementary to the present resolution,

Reaffirming the importance of the progress towards meeting the commitments, objectives and goals emanating from conferences,

Recognizing that, while each country has the primary responsibility for the implementation of the integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences, the United Nations system is an important instrument in helping countries to meet this challenge,

I

Cross-cutting issues

1. Reiterates that poverty eradication and improving the living conditions of people everywhere are key development objectives of the Council's efforts to ensure integrated and coordinated follow-up to conferences;
2. Reaffirms the urgent need for the timely and full implementation of all commitments, agreements and targets agreed upon at the major United Nations conferences and summits, including by the United Nations system and international financial institutions, and, in this context, notes the efforts to achieve those targets as well as the target of reducing by one half, by 2015, the proportion of people living in extreme poverty;
3. Reiterates the importance of mobilizing new and additional resources from all sources for implementing conference outcomes and, in this regard, reaffirms the commitments undertaken to fulfil as soon as possible the agreed United Nations targets for official development assistance, and stresses the need for further progress in implementing the 20/20 initiative for those interested countries;
4. Stresses the important role of civil society in support of the implementation of conference goals, and calls upon Governments and organizations of the United Nations system to support the participation of non-governmental organizations, particularly those from developing countries, in the conference follow-up processes of the United Nations; stresses also that efforts should be made to facilitate the balanced participation of non-governmental organizations

³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 22.

from developed and developing countries; and invites the Non-governmental Liaison Service to play an active role in involving non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, and in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, particularly those from developing countries, in United Nations conference follow-up activities;

II

Coordination and management role of the Economic and Social Council

(a) Functional commissions

5. Notes the results obtained from the review of the functional commissions and, in that context, agrees that the Council, on the basis of an integrated report by the Secretary-General, will consider annually the relevant outcomes of the functional commissions on conference follow-up, for transmission, as appropriate, to the funds, programmes and specialized agencies;

(b) Regional commissions

6. Notes the results obtained from the review of the regional commissions and, in that context, invites the regional commissions to pursue conference follow-up on a systematic basis, within their respective mandates and priorities by, inter alia, enhancing their interaction with other parts of the United Nations system, in particular the functional commissions;

(c) Executive boards of the funds and programmes

7. Invites its Bureau and secretariat to convey the outcome of its deliberations to the executive boards of the funds and programmes, and requests the executive boards to take into account the Council's guidance on the coordinated implementation of conferences, in accordance with their respective mandates and priorities;

III

Inter-agency coordination

8. Welcomes the role played by the Administrative Committee on Coordination, and the contribution of its ad hoc task forces and its standing machinery, in promoting United Nations system-wide coordination and in inter-agency coordinated and integrated follow-up to conferences at all levels; also welcomes the efforts of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to ensure a clear sharing of tasks and interaction within its standing machinery on the follow-up to conferences, and encourages regular interaction between the inter-agency committees of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and enhanced interaction between the relevant executive committees and the standing bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination; further welcomes and encourages the interaction between the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions on the follow-up to conferences; and requests that collaboration among organizations of the system

on conference follow-up also include the use of networks of United Nations system organizations that make use of task managers and information technology and liaise with the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

9. Welcomes the briefings on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination given in 1998, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure more intensive and improved interaction between the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Council and its functional and regional commissions, inter alia, by providing briefings after each meeting of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on a regular and timely basis;

10. Urges the Administrative Committee on Coordination to disseminate widely throughout the United Nations system, including through greater use of the Internet, the results of its deliberations, including the work of the task forces, and to make the outputs of the task forces available to intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system for their consideration when integrating conference goals into their work programmes, and invites the organizations of the United Nations system, bearing in mind the guidance of member States, to fully use and implement the outputs of these task forces;

11. Stresses the role of the specialized agencies in the implementation and follow-up to conference outcomes, calls for further interaction between the Council and the specialized agencies, and encourages more active and high-level participation, particularly at the level of executive heads, by the specialized agencies in its sessions, especially in the consideration of conference follow-up;

IV

Country-level follow-up

12. Reaffirms that national Governments have the primary responsibility for the implementation and evaluation of conference follow-up, and calls on all countries to continue to assess the progress in implementing conference outcomes in those countries and encourages the dissemination of best practices;

13. Welcomes the progress achieved in the coordination of conference follow-up at the country level and urges further intensified efforts to this end; reaffirms that the resident coordinators, within their mandates, have an important role to play in assisting Governments and in enhancing United Nations system-wide coordination and in this regard calls on the resident coordinators to facilitate through their annual reports an evaluation of the coordination of the United Nations system activities relating to conference implementation and to disseminate best practices, and invites the United Nations Development Group to fully exercise its important role in ensuring coordinated United Nations follow-up to conferences;

14. Encourages the resident coordinator system, within existing mechanisms and in close collaboration with Governments, to continue to foster a broad dialogue with and to support the involvement of all relevant actors in the follow-up to conferences; and encourages the establishment of thematic groups on cross-cutting conference themes, as well as the full utilization of

collaborative programming frameworks, including the country strategy note, where they exist and the ongoing pilot phase of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, as appropriate, to support, at the request of Governments, the development of national strategies and action plans for integrated conference follow-up; and also encourages greater interaction between the country representatives of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and the Bretton Woods institutions;

15. Recognizes the importance of integrated and coordinated implementation of conference outcomes, including commitments made under those conferences, in countries not covered by the resident coordinator system, and calls on those countries to continue to assess the progress they have made in implementing conference outcomes and encourages the dissemination of best practices in this regard, including through their existing national voluntary reporting mechanisms;

V

Evaluation of the integrated implementation of
conference follow-up

16. Reaffirms the importance of the monitoring and evaluation, by the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the performance of relevant parts of the United Nations system, in accordance with the priorities set by Member States, with respect to assisting countries to meet the commitments, objectives and goals emanating from conferences, and calls upon the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to carry out evaluations of the impact of their activities in support of the coordinated implementation of conferences, taking into account their existing practices;

17. Agrees to consider conducting in the year 2000, as a possible contribution to the Millennium Assembly, without prejudice to the discussion of this issue by the General Assembly, a review by the Council of progress made within the United Nations system in the promotion of integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 1999 on possible modalities of such a review;

18. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution for consideration by the Council in 1999.



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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: FOLLOW-UP TO POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the
Council, Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), on the basis of
informal consultations

Operational activities of the United Nations for international
development cooperation segment

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and
50/120 of 20 December 1995 on the triennial policy review of operational
activities for development of the United Nations system,

Recalling also the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing
coordination and guidance to the United Nations system to ensure that policies
formulated by the General Assembly, particularly during the triennial policy
review of operational activities, are implemented on a system-wide basis in
accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and
50/227 of 24 May 1996,

Noting the progress made and the work that remains to be accomplished by
the United Nations system in the full implementation of the provisions contained
in General Assembly resolution 50/120,

Recalling Council resolution 1996/42 of 26 July 1996, in which the Council
urged the United Nations development system to identify measurable targets to
strengthen monitoring and evaluation capabilities, and to incorporate those
targets into management plans so as to implement Assembly resolution 50/120,



Recalling also General Assembly resolution 52/203 of 18 December 1997, in particular paragraph 9, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General when finalizing his report on the triennial policy review of operational activities, for the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, to make recommendations for the implementation of reform initiatives on operational activities, bearing in mind the views of Member States,

Strongly reaffirming the need for a substantial increase in resources for operational activities for development on a predictable, continuous and assured basis, commensurate with the increasing needs of developing countries,

Stressing the need for continuous overall improvement in the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the United Nations system in delivering its development assistance, and welcomes steps that have been taken towards that end,

Noting the urgency of a productive outcome from the current discussions on funding strategies being pursued by the executive boards of the United Nations funds and programmes towards reversing the declining trend in core resources,

Considering the linkage that exists between the recommendations made in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Advancement of women: implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular, capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development"¹ and the triennial policy review of operational activities,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;²
2. Requests the Secretary-General, when finalizing his report on the triennial policy review for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, to take into account the views and comments expressed by States during the operational activities segment of the Council;
3. Also requests the Secretary-General, when finalizing his report on the triennial policy review, to take into account the discussions on funding strategies currently taking place in the executive boards of the United Nations funds and programmes;
4. Requests the Secretary-General, when preparing recommendations for the next triennial policy review, to consider the implications of steps adopted by the United Nations system to implement reform initiatives on operational activities, as agreed in General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, taking fully into account the views expressed by States in conjunction with work that remains to be completed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 50/120;

¹ E/1998/54 and Corr.1.

² E/1998/48 and Add.1.

5. Requests the Secretary-General, when finalizing his report on the triennial policy review, to provide an analysis of the state of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/120 and other related resolutions on operational activities, and to make appropriate recommendations;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, when finalizing his report on the triennial policy review, to take into account relevant aspects of the agreed conclusions of the humanitarian segment of the Council;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General, in his report to the General Assembly on the triennial policy review, taking into account the Council's discussions on and the outcome of agenda item 3 (a), entitled "Advancement of women: implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular, capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development", to include a section on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the operational activities of the United Nations system, containing recommendations to that end;

8. Invites the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Council's coordination, guidance and oversight roles in the implementation by the United Nations system of the triennial policy review of operational activities, to make recommendations, when finalizing his report on the triennial policy review, on the possible themes that could be discussed at the Council's working-level meetings of the operational activities segment for the years 1999, 2000 and 2001, taking into account the necessary preparatory work for the following triennial policy review;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake, as appropriate, in close consultation and collaboration with recipient Governments and donors, impact evaluations of the themes on operational activities identified by the General Assembly for discussion at future sessions of the Council;

10. Stresses the importance of the continued participation of the specialized agencies and regional commissions of the United Nations system, and the ongoing collaboration with the World Bank, in relevant aspects of United Nations operational activities on the basis of the national priorities of the recipient countries.



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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Dates of sessions of subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council in 1999

Draft decision submitted by the President of the Council

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1997/301 of 24 July 1997, in which it approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998 and 1999 in the economic, social and related fields, approves the following changes in the dates of sessions of subsidiary bodies of the Council in 1999:

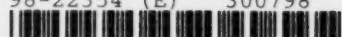
(a) Inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to meet at Headquarters from 22 to 26 February and from 1 to 5 March;

(b) Commission on the Status of Women, forty-third session, to meet at Headquarters from 1 to 19 March;

(c) Commission on Population and Development, thirty-second session, to meet at Headquarters from 22 to 30 March;

(d) Commission on Human Rights, fifty-fifth session, to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 22 March to 30 April;

(e) Commission on Science and Technology for Development, fourth session, to meet at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 17 to 21 May.





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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: REPORTS
OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME/UNITED NATIONS POPULATION
FUND, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND THE
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Draft decision submitted by Lithuania*

The issue of the review of the distribution of seats in
the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

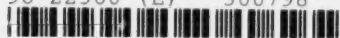
The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To continue consideration of the issue of the review of the distribution of seats in the Executive Board of the World Food Programme with a view to arriving at a recommendation to the General Assembly during a resumed substantive session of the Council but no later than by the beginning of the substantive work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

(b) To postpone action on the draft resolution entitled "Input to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/8"¹ to a resumed substantive session of the Council in September or October 1998.

* On behalf of the Eastern European States and in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 50/227 AND 52/12 B

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the
Council, Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury (Bangladesh) on the basis
of informal consultations

Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization
of the United Nations in the economic, social and related
fields

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account its resolution E/1998/L.18 and annexes I to III
thereto,

Bearing in mind that the Council will hold, at its resumed substantive session of 1998, elections for the composition of the bodies referred to in annex 1 of the resolution, so that these bodies are fully constituted from 1 January 1999,

1. Decides to terminate, as of 31 December 1998, the current membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee for Development Planning, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development;

2. Also decides to hold new elections for the thirty-three members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, in accordance with the pattern for regional distribution agreed upon¹ following the election of the new members, there will be a drawing of lots for all seats whether vacant or not to stagger the terms of office; sixteen members of the Commission will serve for a

¹ E/1998/L.18, annex I, para. 6.

term of two years (African States - four members; Asian States - three members; Latin American and Caribbean States - three members; Eastern European States - two members; Western European and other States - four members) and seventeen members will serve for a term of four years (African States - four members; Asian States - four members; Latin American and Caribbean States - three members; Eastern European States - two members; Western European and other States - four members);

3. Further decides that, in accordance with previous practice, the terms of all the members of the Committee for Development Planning will be concurrent;

4. Decides that the election for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development will be held every four years and the terms of all the members will be concurrent.



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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of
the Council, Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury (Bangladesh)

Themes for the 1999 substantive session of the
Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides on the following themes for its
1999 substantive session:

(a) High-level segment

"The role of employment and work in poverty eradication: the
empowerment and advancement of women";

(b) Coordination segment

"Development of Africa: implementation and coordinated follow-up by
the United Nations system of initiatives on African development".





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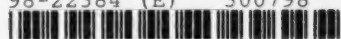
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SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: HUMAN RIGHTS

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council,
Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury (Bangladesh), on the basis of informal
consultations

The Economic and Social Council,

1. Invites the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to provide updated information on its requests, as contained in draft decisions I, II, III and IV recommended by the Committee at its sixteenth session;
2. Takes note of General Assembly decision 52/463 of 31 March 1998, by which the Assembly would consider the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the question on honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations at its fifty-third session;
3. Decides that no action is required on draft decision IV, given the fact that the dates for the meeting requested have passed.





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The Economic and Social Council,

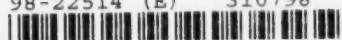
Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the privileges and immunities of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the independence of judges and lawyers,¹

Considering that a difference has arisen between the United Nations and the Government of Malaysia, within the meaning of section 30 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, with respect to the immunity from legal process of Mr. Dato' Param Cumaraswamy, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the independence of judges and lawyers,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 89 (I) of 11 December 1946,

1. Requests on a priority basis, pursuant to Article 96, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 89 (I), an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legal question of the applicability of article VI, section 22, of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations in the case of Mr. Dato' Param Cumaraswamy as Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the independence of judges and lawyers, in the circumstances set out in paragraphs 1 to 15 of the note by the Secretary-General,¹ and on the legal obligations of Malaysia in this case;

¹ E/1998/94.



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2. Calls upon the Government of Malaysia to ensure that all judgements and proceedings in this matter in the Malaysian courts are stayed pending receipt of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, which shall be accepted as decisive by the parties.



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2. Calls upon the Government of Malaysia to ensure that all judgements and proceedings in this matter in the Malaysian courts are stayed pending receipt of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, which shall be accepted as decisive by the parties.



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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 50/227
AND 52/12 B

Indonesia*: draft decision

Development account

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolutions 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and 52/235 of 26 June 1998 and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,¹ looks forward to the outcome of the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development account² under section 34 of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 by the relevant intergovernmental bodies.

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ ST/SGB/PPBME/Rules/1 (1987) as amended by resolution 42/215.

² E/1998/81.